

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:47
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PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN HOCKEY TEAM
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that lack of artificial turfs in the country, especially those with floodlights facility affects the performance of Indian Hockey Team in international tournaments;
- (b) if so, number of floodlight astroturfs available for hockey playing across the country, State-wise; and
- (b) fresh steps taken by the Government to construct adequate number of floodlight turfs across the country to facilitate the best of pre-tournament training to hockey players?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

- (a) We have sufficient number of artificial turfs in the country for training of Indian Hockey Team . However, lack of astroturfs with floodlights facilities do not affect the performance of Hockey Team as the floodlights are required normally for international tournaments in order to conduct maximum number of matches in a day.
- (b) At present, Astroturf with floodlight is available only at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, which was installed for the 1st Afro-Asian Games held recently.
- (c) Government has planned to create floodlight facilities for Astroturf in a phased manner. In the first phase, such facilities are being created at Major Dhyan Chand National Hockey Stadium, New Delhi and SAI Udhav Das Mehta (Bhaiji) Central Centre, Bhopal